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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] ORPA/IID
FROM: [REDACTED]
Assistant Legislative Counsel

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SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act
REFERENCE: Your Memorandum Dated 30 November 1978 (U)

1. This Office is in receipt of your memorandum of 30 November 1978 dealing with Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) receptivity to possible CIA recommendations for relief from certain provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We appreciate your comments and thoughts on this admittedly serious problem. (U/IUO)

2. The Office of Legislative Counsel, in conjunction with the Office of General Counsel, and in coordination with the CIA working group on FOIA (including therein an NFAC representative), is currently and has been for several months examining the entire issue of ways and means whereby the Intelligence Community may obtain significant relief from the FOIA. (U/IUO)

3. We intend, therefore, to seek during the 96th Congress, commencing in January 1979, legislative relief from various portions of the FOIA. Towards this end, we have included, as part of our proposed legislative program to the President, and as a high priority item, our plan to seek such relief. (U/IUO)

4. Therefore, we would find it somewhat inappropriate to discuss further with SSCI staffers our administrative problems in consideration of the fact that we will later be presenting to them our overall legislative proposal - in writing - on the same subject. If you would like to discuss this matter further, I would be happy to meet with you and indeed welcome your views, comments and interest as it is a problem which affects, to one degree or another, all of us. (U/IUO)

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cc: [REDACTED] Chief IID

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